

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1 1. A multi-part carrying structure apparatus for supporting a body part of a patient, the
2 apparatus comprising:
3 a main carrying structure having a narrow support surface;
4 a first additional part having a support surface, the first additional part being
5 detachably connected to the main carrying structure, wherein when the first additional
6 part is connected to the main carrying structure a first combined support surface
7 including the narrow support surface of the main carrying structure and the support
8 surface of the first additional part is wider than the narrow support surface of the main
9 carrying structure; and
10 wherein the main part and the first additional part are produced from a material
11 having a high degree of transparency for X-rays.
- 1 2. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a coupling element for connecting the main
2 part to the first additional part.
- 1 3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the main part and the first additional part are
2 configured in board form.
- 1 4. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a second additional part, the second
2 additional part being detachably connected to a second lateral side of the main carrying
3 structure, wherein when the second additional part is connected to the main carrying
4 structure a second combined support surface including the narrow support surface of the
5 main carrying structure and a support surface of the second additional part is wider than
6 the narrow support surface of the main carrying structure;
7 wherein the first additional part is detachably connected to a first lateral side of the
8 main carrying structure; and
9 wherein the main part and the first additional part are produced from a material
10 having a high degree of transparency for X-rays.

- 1 5. The apparatus of claim 4, wherein the first additional part and the second additional part
2 are configured in a mirror-inverted manner in relation to each other.
- 1 6. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the main part extends over an entire length of the
2 carrying structure.
- 1 7. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the main part is configured in the form of a T.
- 1 8. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the main part is configured in the form of a Y.
- 1 9. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the main part and the first additional part are produced
2 from a carbon-fiber material.
- 1 10. The apparatus of claim 9, wherein the main part and the first additional part are formed as
2 solid boards.
- 1 11. The apparatus of claim 10, wherein the main part and the first additional part have a
2 trapezoidal cross-section.
- 1 12. The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the coupling element is produced from a carbon-fiber
2 material.
- 1 13. The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the coupling element includes a connecting element
2 that is movably mounted on the main part and can be introduced into a receptacle within
3 the first additional part.
- 1 14. The apparatus of claim 2, wherein the coupling element includes a connecting element
2 that is movably mounted on the first additional part and can be introduced into a
3 receptacle within the main part.

1 15. The apparatus of claim 13, wherein the coupling element is configured as a cross member
2 that is displaceably mounted transversely in relation to the longitudinal axis of the main
3 part.

1 16. The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the coupling element is configured as a cross member
2 that is displaceably mounted transversely in relation to the longitudinal axis of the main
3 part.

1 17. The apparatus of claim 14, wherein the connecting element is displaceably mounted in a
2 guide that is fixed on the additional part and can be introduced into a receptacle of the
3 main part.

1 18. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a table-top segment of a patient supporting
2 table to which the main part can be coupled.

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